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From Lisa , Church Moderator

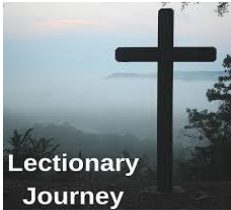
Hear ye hear ye, come one come all to Pie Making...

It's the start of fall season and pumpkin spice is everywhere, however in our church it is also APPLE PIE SEASON!!!! Come and make pies with us Wednesdays at 6. We have so much fun. When I first started pie season I started off as a slicer. The 2nd year I started as a slicer until they needed rollers and that is where I have stayed. Only one year, Dr. orders, I couldn't slice or roll so I handed apples to our slicers. I ruled with an iron fist, so I was told LOL. It is a family affair for the Morehead family, Mike, my husband cores, counts and organizes the pies in the freezer. My sissy in law, Audie, slices. We all have a good time and the fellowship with everyone is priceless. I so enjoy seeing all the people who come help and some people actually only come to help with pies. We have a blast and if you have never come all it takes is one time and your hooked.

Thank you all who help make Apple Pie Season a Success.

Acts 2:42-47. The Fellowship of the Believers

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



These are the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary ~ Year A. We are still in the season of Pentecost which will end on Nov. 26th ~ Reign of Christ Sunday

October 1, 2023 ~ World Communion
Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4,12-16
OR Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

October 8th

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 and Psalm 19
OR Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

October 15th

Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-6,19-23
OR Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99
OR Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

October 25th

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Psalm 90:1-6,13-17
OR Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 and Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46



Special Missions Offerings: “Neighbors in Need” Offering on World Communion Sunday

The Neighbors in Need Offering supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy, and direct service projects supported by Justice and Local Church Ministries.

Reflection...

Grace&Peace ~ Pastor Susan, Interim

I can imagine the original disciples, the people of The Way, wondering, how do we pass on the message of faith to folks who never met Jesus or looked into his eyes as he taught them of God’s love and grace. Would they be able to continue his ministry of bring all of God’s people together as one? Will *we* ever be truly one? Just look at the diversity of our culture let alone our diverse religious beliefs.

In the farewell prayer Jesus offers for his original disciples, Jesus knows that the circle of his believers will grow and encompass many people if not the world. Jesus’ prayer isn’t just for them but for the generations of followers to come ~ us! He knows the challenge to believe will be tough. Will generations of his followers who did not encounter him directly, be able to experience the same kind of unity with God and with him through faith? Will later generations of followers know and/or experience the divine and sacred mystery of God through Jesus? It seems that this sacred experience of the Holy One, is Jesus’ deepest desire for all people of all time. The completeness of sacred experience and communion and union among believers across the generations is Jesus' expressed desire.

It is a unity that allows us to reveal Christ’s glory and bear witness to his full forgiveness and grace to the whole world; to everyone we encounter. How shall we serve? How are we called today?

World Communion Sunday reminds us that we are a part of The Universal Church ~ Christ’s church and that we live and breathe and move in the unity of Christ’s love that brings us in to oneness with God. Peter J. B. Carman writes: “It is a prayer needed as much in the divided and fragmented world of twenty-first-century Christianity as in the churches of the first centuries after Christ.”

We, in the Edinburg United Church, United Church of Christ seek to live out the words of Jesus, “that they may all be one.”

Let It Be So.....

John 17:21-22: ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^[1] so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,...



What Do We Believe in the UCC?

“That they may all be one. (John 17:21) This motto of the United Church of Christ reflects the spirit of unity on which it is based and points toward future efforts to heal the divisions in the body of Christ. We are a uniting church as well as a united church.”

“The unity of the church is not of its own making. It is a gift of God. But expressions of that unity are as diverse as there are individuals. The common thread that runs through all is love.”

“There is yet more light and truth to break forth from God’s holy word. This affirmation by one of the founders of the Congregational tradition assumes the primacy of the Bible as a source for understanding the Good News and as a foundation for all statements of faith. It recognizes that the Bible, though written in specific historical times and places, still speaks to us in our present condition. It declares that the study of the scriptures is not limited by past interpretations, but it is pursued with the expectation of new insights and God’s help for living today.”

“The Priesthood of All Believers. All members of the United Church of Christ are called to minister to others and to participate as equals in the common worship of God, each with direct access to the mercies of God through personal prayer and devotion.

Recognition is given to those among us who have received special training in pastoral, priestly, educational and administrative functions, but these persons are regarded as *servants*—rather than as persons in authority. Their task is to guide, to instruct, to enable the ministry of all Christians rather than to do the work of ministry for us.”



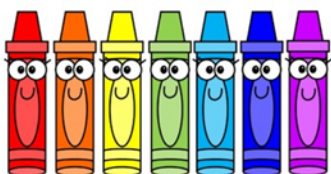
Never place a period where
God places a comma.
God is still speaking.



**We will be having Communion on October 1st.
All are Welcome!!!**



**Congratulations to Ramona!!!
She did great at the Portage County Fair!!!
She had 6 blue ribbons, 6 red ribbons and 2 Honorable mention!!!!**



Color a page (or more) to hang up at the Church!! Be sure to put your name on it. Pictures will be available at the Church!!



CANCELED for October



Sunday School will be starting back up!!! October 1st after service until 11:00. Preschool thru 5th grade.



We will be having a movie night on Sat. Oct. 7th at 6 p.m. Popcorn will be provided. Bring your own drinks and chair (or use one of the churches). October 7th movie is the animated **Lady and the Tramp!!!**



We will be having youth group the 2nd Sunday of each month starting at 10:00 a.m. (after service) in the fellowship hall. Grades 6th thru 12th



We will be participating in Trunk or Treat at the Edinburg Park. If anyone would like to donate candy (by October 22nd) there will be a box by the white boards.

We will be filling bags on Thursday, October 26th at 6:30 for all those that would like to help!!!!



The Youth group will be sleeping in the Church on Friday, November 3rd for Homeless awareness. If you are interested in sponsoring them please put the money in a colored envelope marked "Youth Group". All money raised will be donated to the Portage County Haven.

They will be having a movie in the fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn will be provided!!!! Any donations that night will also go to the Portage County Haven.

Decades Dance and Dinner

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3RD 6:30PM

The New Center at Neomed

\$35 per person OR \$60 for a couple

Come join us for a night of dancing, dinner, and silent auction

Tickets on sale now at passioncommunitychurch.com

Dress as your favorite decade
Prizes for the best costume



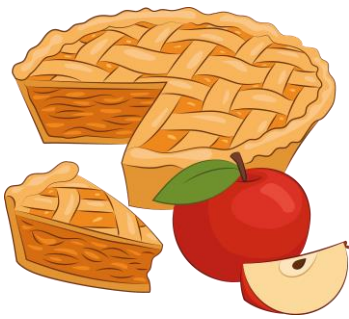
To purchase tickets online
follow the QR code

All proceeds will go towards the
Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build

Brought to you by your friends at:



For more information contact Pastor Jason Moore at 330-285-0082 (he will not be available October 11th-19th)



It's APPLE PIE time, come join us for fellowship and fun. All ages are welcome and no experience is necessary. We will be doing the dough on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. and the pies Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to come help!! **Many hands make light work!!**



Boy Scout Troop 355, 1st car show



OCTOBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Communion 1  Diana & Doug Dillon	 Tessa Dills 2	 David McPike 3	 Rachel & Eric Dillon 4	 Michelle & Scott Besaw Jill & Randy Thompson 5	 Bob Jarrett 6	7
 John Waldsmith 8  Beth & Mike Hauser	Columbus Day 9  Richard Blasens Denise Tatgenhorst Lily Dech	10	 Matthew Finney Holly Lang Jen Thames 11	12  Julie & David Pruchenski	 Brent Brown Frances Beckett 13	14
15	16	 Jessica Mix 17	 Marie Nelson 18	19	20	21
 Maureen & George Locher Jr. 22	 Lindsay Leightner Deborah Valvoord Diana Dillon 23	 Elizabeth Dills George Locher Jr. Nikki & Damian Dech 24	 Rachel Dillon 25  Sue & Donn Bell	26	 Bill Rohn Donna Kibler 27	 Tim Brown 28
 Jane Wass 29	30	Halloween 31  Dorleen Shaw				

Future Council Dates
(2nd Thursday of the Month)
Oct. 12
Nov. 9
Dec. 14

Cookie queens for October are:



- Oct. 1: Julia Hayes
- Oct. 8 : Cyndi Oblisk
- Oct. 15: Cindy Jarret
- Oct. 22: Lisa Morehead
- Oct. 29: Ramona Hallway

FINANCE January-August 2023
Tithes/Offerings: \$70,233
Income: 81,227
Approved budget or total spending: \$102,203

Do you need to fill out a building use form?? Go to our website at <https://www.edinburgunitedchurch.org>
Click on resources and then forms. Click on the link and it will take you to the form.

Have you, your kids, grandkids or anyone else done something you would like to announce??? If you would like anything added to the newsletter, please let Cyndi know by the last Friday of the month.
EUCNEWS1823@gmail.com

Meeting Notes for 8/10/2023 EUC Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 am. Pastor Susan opened the meeting with a prayer. In attendance were Cyndi, Lisa, Pastor Susan, Sabrina, Matt, Janeen, Roger, Lenny, Diane and Audra

The prep for Loaves and Fishes was scheduled for Friday, August ~~11~~¹⁰, at 6:00. The volunteers and food are supposed to be at the Methodist Church at 10:30, Saturday, August 12. There is a possibility that we will be involved in providing lunches for Fishes and Loaves twice a year. We will follow up on this item.

The June minutes were reviewed and a change was needed. The minutes should state that Pam was covering for Cyndi while she was on vacation. It should have stated that Pam was to cover Cyndi's work for 2 hours per week for three weeks.

Who is staying in council? Lisa is staying as moderator. Janeen would like to move to assistant moderator. Barb, Matt, Sabrina and Audie are staying. Roger is leaving. Diane will stay if needed but otherwise will be leaving. Cyndi will step down from council if she receives documentation that paid church staff should not be on council. We have been waiting on this documentation but have not received it yet. At this point and time, we have one opening.

Husbands and wives on council at the same time was also brought up. Due to lack of volunteers, this has become standard practice. This item was placed on the back burner.

We need someone to be in charge of organizing everything for the pie making which will begin on 9/20. Roseanne and Joanne will be asked if they will help with this task. We anticipate making 162 pies per week. The last day for pie orders is 9/17.

Janeen will provide a list of duties that need to be filled. Janeen, Julia Hayes and Pat Campbell will help pick up supplies.

We are thinking about starting a Dry Pantry collection again. Sabrina will contact St. Joseph's church in Mogadore as well as other organizations that currently provide this service to see if we can help them out with particular items. We will find out what they are in need of most and focus on providing those items that are needed most and request donations from the congregation specifically for those items.

The scouts and church can participate in this endeavor by alternating the months they are responsible for.

Trimming the lower branches on the trees in front of the church so you can see the church itself. There was no resolution at this time.

We discussed revamping the rental fees for the church. \$100 for downstairs only. \$200 for weddings. (Non members) \$75 of which will be returned upon the proper clean up of the facilities.

We need to review the current rental contract that is on Breeze. Some verbiage will need changed. We also need to determine how non church members can access the form on line. Non members cannot access the form on Breeze. We will follow up on this item.

Shelly from Kidwatch received grant money and is requesting that a bathroom and stackable washer and dryer be placed on the 3rd floor. Matt will investigate to see if either of these projects are feasible.

We are increasing Kidwatch's rent back to the \$800 per month they were paying before covid. During covid, we reduced their rent to \$400 per month.

The refrigerator in the kitchen needs cleaned out. There are a lot of expired items in it. The top shelf of the unit across from the freezer also needs cleaned. The cleaning chemicals on the top shelf leaked down onto food supplies. They need removed and stored in a tote with a lid on it to avoid any contact with food or people.

Matt updated us on the issues he is having trying to get the Aerator building and surrounding equipment repaired properly. He has not received any returned calls from the three contractors he contacted. The list of needed repairs is lengthy and will cost approximately \$15,000. Matt will continue to pursue contractors to complete this project as quickly as possible.

Matt will also continue to try to secure a contractor to fix the cement pad outside of the parsonage garage. Once again, he has not received any returned calls regarding his inquiries.

It was discussed to place a keypad outside the door that leads to the fellowship hall. Diane Ringer will get a quote for this project. This would allow the church secretary to assign specific codes for anyone renting the church or needing access. Codes can be assigned or terminated from the app on the computer. This would alleviate finding volunteers responsible for opening and closing the building for special events.

Cyndi made a motion to continue to move forward with these projects. Sabrina made a second motion. We will wait for the quotes so we can move forward with the repairs.

We are still looking for a maintenance person. Lisa and Matt will use the current job description and make changes to it as needed. Once again, Matt has not received any follow up from the calls he has made to fill this position. Matt will follow up with AA/NA organizations as well as contacting Maplewood to see if he receives any useful leads.

Lenny informed us that the finance committee decided to leave the CD's as is for the time being. Lenny's recommendation was to invest \$20,000 for 5 to 6 months and then cash out. This item will be re-visited in January.

Lenny also put new contracts in place to save money for the church on the electric and gas bills. Both new contracts should be arriving at the church via mail.

The updated Workers Comp forms need to be completed and submitted.

We need to review Pastor Susan's phone bill. It seems as though the church is paying for 85% of her entire monthly bills.

Janeen, Pat, Eva and Susan discussed the 5 for 5 contributions from the church. Their recommendations were to donate \$1,000 on October 1st to the Neighbors in Need program. They would also like to donate \$1,000 in December to Veterans of the Cross.

There is currently \$8,874 in the mission account. We will start with a full schedule of donations in January 2024.

Donna Kibler wanted it to be recognized in the council meeting that she apologized for not sending a Thank You card to the church after her grandson passed away.

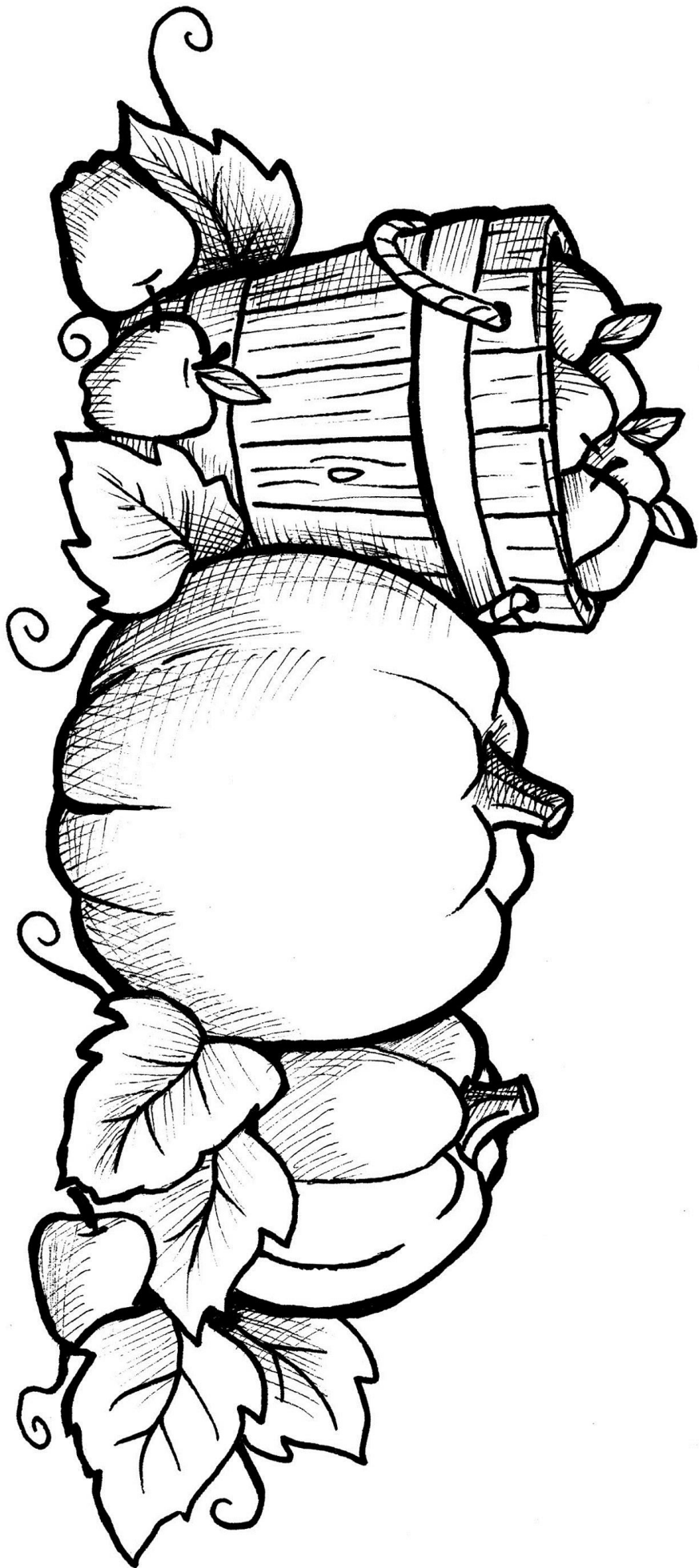
A bench in Daniel's name was donated to the hog barn at the Randolph fairgrounds.

We also discussed with Roger if we could get another bench to donate to the Kibler family as they mentioned how nice it would be to have one to use at their home. Roger will follow up on this item.

We will discuss suspending the by-laws as they currently stand. A review needs done before changes can start to be made. This item will be followed up on as well.

Susan will be on vacation from September 6 through September 13th.

The meeting was closed at 8:43 pm.

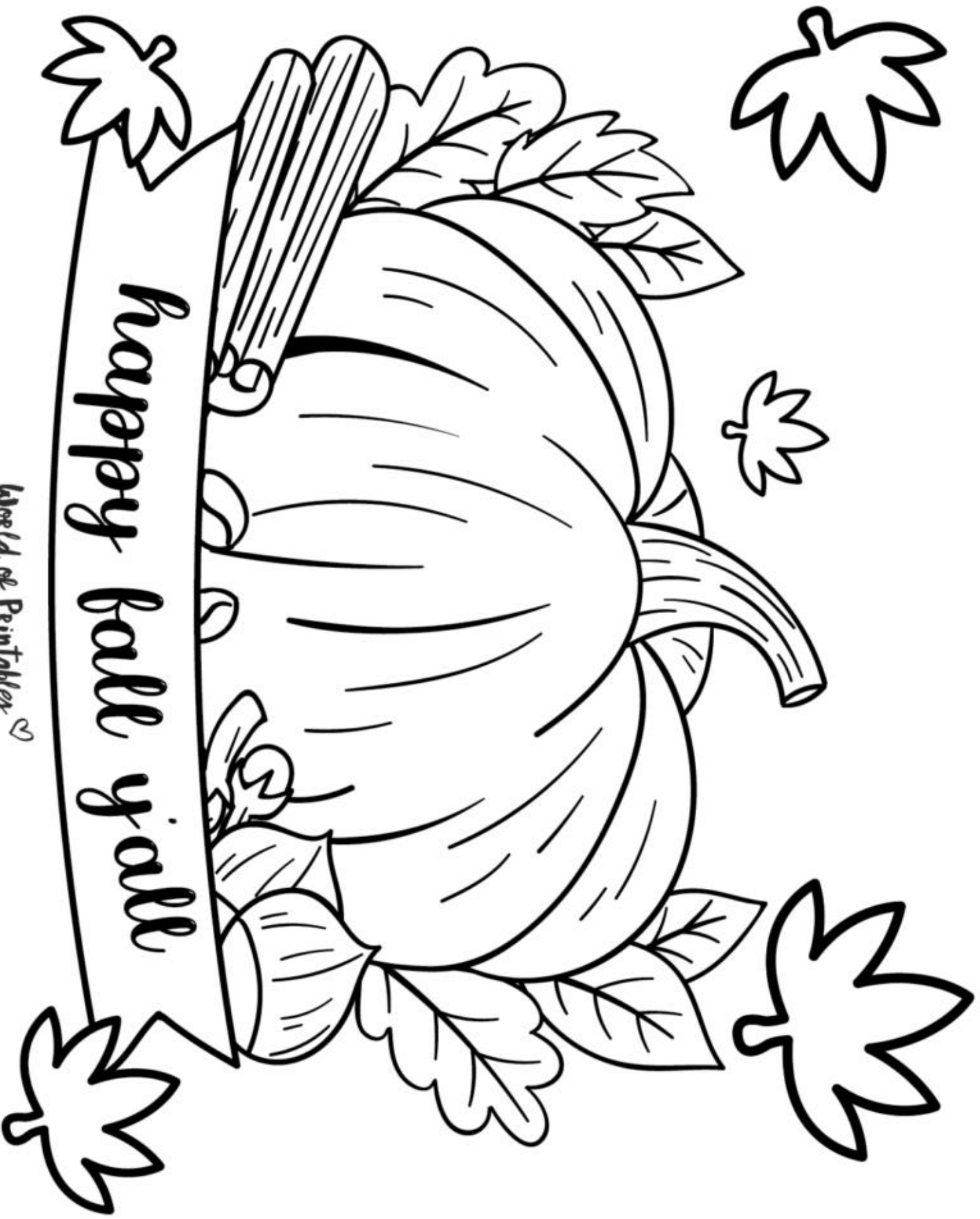




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